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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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DATE: February 14, 2008

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

FILE NO. SH2173534
IV2174978

FROM: JOHNNY G. JURADO, COMMANDER
LEADERSHIP AND TRAINING DIVISION

TO: KARYN MANNIS, CAPTAIN
INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

SUBJECT: **EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE DISPOSITION:**
LIEUTENANT NICK RAMPONE #[redacted]
DEPUTY RAFAEL CARDENAS #[redacted]
DEPUTY TONY GUERRERO #[redacted]
DEPUTY GUERARDO MAGOS #[redacted]
DEPUTY GUILLERMO SANCHEZ #[redacted]
DEPUTY DAVID GOODWIN #[redacted]
DEPUTY NEIL KIMBALL #[redacted]
CENTURY STATION

On June 13, 2006, at approximately 2315 hours, Deputies Guerrero and Cardenas saw a suspicious vehicle near a shots fired call which just occurred. They decided to catch up to the vehicle to conduct a check of the license plate.

As the deputies tried to catch up to the vehicle, they noted the driver to commit numerous vehicle code violations and was driving recklessly (speeding, lane straddling, not signaling, driving erratically), often nearly causing accidents as he drove. Deputies Guerrero and Cardenas believed the driving was consistent with someone who was under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. The deputies attempted a traffic stop, but the driver (Suspect Carl Williams) refused to yield and drove away.

A pursuit followed which lasted approximately four minutes and covered nearly four miles. When Suspect Williams stopped the vehicle, apparently crashing into a telephone pole, the deputies on scene prepared to conduct a felony traffic stop.

Suspect Williams then repeatedly used his car to strike radio cars while deputies were trying to take cover at their cars. Deputies responded to the attacks by firing their weapons on multiple occasions.

Suspect Williams was struck by gunfire and was transported by paramedics to Saint Francis Hospital Medical Center of Lynwood where he died of his injuries.

On February 14, 2008, the Executive Force Review Committee convened and conducted a review regarding the facts of this case. The applicable policies that were evaluated by the committee were: MMP §§ 3-01/025.00, Use of Force; 3-01/025.30, Use of Firearms and Deadly Force; 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force; and 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards.

Concerning:

MMP § 3-01/030.10, Obedience to Laws, Regulations and Orders, MMP § 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards, and MMP § 5-09/210.00, Control of A Pursuit, the Committee determined that the actions taken by Lieutenant Nick Rampone [redacted] were reasonable and necessary and in compliance with Department policy.

MMP § 3-01/025.00, Use of Force, MMP § 3-01/025.30, Use of Firearms and Deadly Force, and MMP § 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force, the Committee determined that the force used by Deputy Rafael Cardenas [redacted] was reasonable and necessary and in compliance with Department policy.

MMP § 3-01/025.00, Use of Force, MMP § 3-01/025.30, Use of Firearms and Deadly Force, and MMP § 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force, the Committee determined that the force used by Deputy Tony Guerrero [redacted] was reasonable and necessary and in compliance with Department policy

MMP § 3-01/025.00, Use of Force, MMP § 3-01/025.30, Use of Firearms and Deadly Force, and MMP § 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force, the Committee determined that the force used by Deputy Guerardo Magos [redacted] was reasonable and necessary and in compliance with Department policy

MMP § 3-01/025.00, Use of Force, MMP § 3-01/025.30, Use of Firearms and Deadly Force, and MMP § 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force, the Committee determined that the force used by Deputy Guillermo Sanchez [redacted] was reasonable and necessary and in compliance with Department policy

MMP § 3-01/025.00, Use of Force, MMP § 3-01/025.30, Use of Firearms and Deadly Force, and MMP § 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force, the Committee determined that the force used by Deputy David Goodwin [redacted] was reasonable and necessary and in compliance with Department policy

MMP § 3-01/025.00, Use of Force, MMP § 3-01/025.30, Use of Firearms and Deadly Force, and MMP § 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force, the Committee determined that the force used by Deputy Neil Kimball [redacted] was reasonable and necessary and in compliance with Department policy

MMP § 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards, the Committee determined that the tactics employed by all personnel in this incident were within Department Policy.

Johnny G. Jurado, Commander

JGJ:MOT:mt

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II. INVESTIGATION BY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HOMICIDE BUREAU

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Officer Involved Shooting

Report Date: August 10, 2007	Bureau/Station/Facility: Century Station	Admin. Invest.? ☒	Hit? ☒

Incident Information

URN: 006-09632-2176-013	Date: June 13, 2006 Time: 2315
City or Station: Los Angeles	Nature of Incident: Deputies pursued the suspect for reckless driving and driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs. A deputy involved shooting occurred after the suspect intentionally rammed his vehicle into a stopped patrol car and repeatedly rammed assisting units.
Location: 96th Street, East of Central Avenue Los Angeles	

Location Type (*circle one or more*):
Backyard
Beach
Business
Freeway
Industrial
Park
Parking Lot
Residence
Rural
School
Street
Other: ______

Lighting (*circle only one*):
Darkness
Daylight
Other
Street Lights

Weather (*circle only one*):
Clear
Cloudy
Fog
Rain

Distance: Approximately 10-20 feet

Incident Type (*circle one or more*):
Accidental
Armed Person
Fleeing Suspect
Foot Pursuit
Gun Take Away
Moving Vehicle
Sniper/Ambush
Startle
Struggle Involved
Traffic Stop
Unarmed Person
Unintentional
Vehicle Pursuit
Warrant Service
Warning Shot
Other: ______

Initiated by (*circle only one*):
Arrest Warrant
Call
Observation
One Person Unit
Other
Search Warrant
Two Person Unit

Prior Activity (*circle only one*):
Detective
Inmate Transport
Other
Routine Patrol

Aero Unit? ☐ Canine Unit? ☐

Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy	Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect
73	No Shots Fired

Employee Witnesses

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (*circle only one*)	ShiftType (*circle only one*)
				EM PM Day	Regular Overtime Off Duty
				EM PM Day	Regular Overtime Off Duty
				EM PM Day	Regular Overtime Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name [redacted] First Name [redacted] M.I.
Street Address [redacted] City [redacted] Zip Code [redacted] Work Ph [redacted]

Last Name [redacted] First Name [redacted] M.I.
Street Address [redacted] City [redacted] Zip Code [redacted] Work Ph [redacted]

Last Name [redacted] First Name [redacted] M.I.
Street Address [redacted] City [redacted] Zip Code [redacted] Work Ph [redacted]

Supervisors

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(*circle one or more*)
[redacted]	HILES	RICHARD	G.	On Duty / Present during shooting / Witness to shooting / Involved in shooting
[redacted]	CALDERARO	CHARLES		On Duty / Present during shooting / Witness to shooting / Involved in shooting

Watch Sergeant

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	CRANSON	GEORGE	

Watch Commander

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	RAMPONE	NICHOLAS	

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Officer Involved Shooting

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Rollout Information

Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Date Submitted	Date of Recommendation
06-14-06	0040	06-01-2007	

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I
[redacted]	HARRIS	JOHN	W.
[redacted]	Garcia	Ben	L..
[redacted]	Parker	Mike	J.

Shooting / Force Information

Method

Code	Method	Code	Method
(AW)	Arwen	(OV)	Other Weapon: Vehicle
(BC)	Baton:(Control)	(OB)	Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(BI)	Baton:(Impact)	(OO)	Other Weapon: Other
(BF)	Bodily Fluids	(PK)	Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(CN)	Canine	(PS)	Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(CR)	Carotid Restraint	(PH)	Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(CH)	Choke Hold	(PP)	Personal Weapon (Push)
(CT)	Control Holds:(Control Techniques)	(PO)	Personal Weapon (Other)
(TT)	Control Holds:(Team Takedown)	(RS)	Resistance
(TD)	Control Holds:(Takedown)	(CN)	Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(CE)	Chemical	(RH)	Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(OC)	Chemical Agents (OC Spray)	(HB)	Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TG)	Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)	(TP)	Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(EX)	Explosives	(RE)	Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(FH)	Firearm (Handgun)	(SP)	Sap
(FR)	Firearm (Rifle)	(SH)	Shield
(FS)	Firearm (Shotgun)	(SG)	37mm Stinger
(FO)	Firearm (Other)	(SB)	Sting Ball
(FB)	Flashbang	(ST)	Stun Bag
(FL)	Flashlight	(TR)	Taser
(OE)	Other Weapon: Edged	(UC)	Uncooperative

Type of Injury

Code	Type of Injury
(AB)	Abrasion
(BR)	Bruise
(BU)	Burn
(CP)	Complaint of Pain
(CO)	Concussion
(DH)	Death
(DI)	Dislocation
(DB)	Dog Bite
(FR)	Fractures
(GS)	Gunshot
(HB)	Human Bite
(LC)	Lacerations
(ND)	Nerve Damage
(OD)	Organ Damage
(PA)	Paralysis
(PW)	Puncture Wound
(SD)	Soft Tissue Damage
(ST)	Sprain/Twists
(UN)	Unconscious
(RM)	Refused Med Treatment
(NN)	NONE

Body Part Injured

Code	Body Part
(AD)	Abdomen
(AK)	Ankle
(AR)	Arm
(BK)	Back
(BT)	Buttocks
(CH)	Chest
(EL)	Elbow
(FA)	Face
(FE)	Feet
(FI)	Fingers
(GE)	Genitals
(GR)	Groin
(HD)	Hand
(HE)	Head
(HI)	Hip
(IN)	Internal
(KN)	Knees
(LE)	Leg
(NK)	Neck
(SH)	Shoulder
(WR)	Wrist

Brand

Code	Brand	Code	Brand	Code	Brand
(AK)	AK-47	(IV)	Iver Johnson	(RI)	RGI
(BN)	Benelli	(JE)	Jennings	(RO)	Rossi
(BR)	Beretta	(LO)	Lorcin	(SW)	Smith & Wesson
(BW)	Browning	(LU)	Luger	(SR)	Sturm Ruger
(CH)	Charter Arms	(MA)	Marlin	(ST)	Sterling
(CO)	Colt	(MO)	Mossberg	(TA)	Taurus
(DA)	Davis Industries	(NC)	NCI aka SKS	(WE)	Weatherby
(GL)	Glock	(NA)	North American	(WN)	Winchester
(HA)	Harrington & Richardson	(NO)	Norinco	(US)	US Government
(HI)	Hi Standard	(RA)	Raven	(YY)	Handmade (Inmate)
(HK)	H & K	(RM)	Remington	(XX)	Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(IT)	Ithica	(RG)	RG	(ZZ)	Other Brand

Caliber

Code	Caliber	Code	Caliber	Code	Caliber
(9)	9 mm	(24)	.243 caliber	(41)	.410 guage
(10)	10 mm	(25)	.25 caliber	(44)	.44 caliber
(12)	12 guage	(30)	.308 caliber	(45)	.45 caliber
(20)	20 guage	(35)	.357 caliber	(50)	50 mm
(21)	.22-250	(36)	30-60 caliber	(SL)	Slug
(22)	.22 caliber	(38)	.38 caliber	(WW)	Other caliber
(23)	.223 caliber	(40)	.40 caliber		

FORCE APPLIED (one code per block)

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Caliber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
S-Williams	E#1 Cardenas	OV						
S-Williams	E#2 Guerrero	OV						
S-Williams	E#3 Magos	OV						
S-Williams	E#4 Sanchez	OV						
S-Williams	E#5 Goodwin	OV						
S-Williams	E#6 Kimball	OV						
E#1 Cardenas	S-Williams	FH	BR	9	Y	Y	GS	
E#2Guerrero	S-Williams	FH	BR	9	Y	Y	GS	
E# 3 Magos	S-Williams	FH	BR	9	Y	Y	GS	
E#4 Sanchez	S-Williams	FH	BR	9	Y	Y	GS	
E#5 Goodwin	S-Williams	FH	BR	9	Y	Y	GS	
E#6 Kimball	S-Williams	FH	BR	9	Y	Y	GS	

Officer Involved Shooting
Involved Employee Information 

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Involved Employee

E 1

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name: Goodwin	First Name: David	M.I.:
Sex: M / Race: W	Rank: Deputy Sheriff	Unit Assignment: Century Station	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 216 H
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): (EM) PM Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): (Regular) Overtime Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☒	Coroner Case #: / Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 6	Duty Time (hrs): [redacted]	Clothing (*circle only one*): Plain Clothes no Vest, Raid Jacket w/ Vest, Plain Clothes w/ Vest, Uniform no Vest, Raid Jacket no Vest, (Uniform w/ Vest)	Other Factors:
Age: [redacted]	Height: 5' 11"	Weight:	
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]	
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings? ☒ / Number of Prior Shootings: 1
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name: [redacted]	First Name: [redacted]	M.I.:
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name: [redacted]	First Name: [redacted]	M.I.:

E 2

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name: Magos	First Name: Gerardo	M.I.:
Sex: M / Race: H	Rank: Deputy Sheriff	Unit Assignment: Century Station	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 216 F
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): (EM) PM Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): (Regular) Overtime Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☒	Coroner Case #: / Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 4	Duty Time (hrs): [redacted]	Clothing (*circle only one*): Plain Clothes no Vest, Raid Jacket w/ Vest, Plain Clothes w/ Vest, Uniform no Vest, Raid Jacket no Vest, (Uniform w/ Vest)	Other Factors:
Age: [redacted]	Height: 5' 11"	Weight: 195	
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]	
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings? [redacted] / Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted]
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name: [redacted]	First Name: [redacted]	M.I.:
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name: [redacted]	First Name: [redacted]	M.I.:

E 3

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name: Sanchez	First Name: Guillermo	M.I.:
Sex: M / Race: H	Rank: Deputy Sheriff	Unit Assignment: Century Station	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 216 F
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): (EM) PM Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): (Regular) Overtime Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☒	Coroner Case #: / Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 5	Duty Time (hrs): [redacted]	Clothing (*circle only one*): Plain Clothes no Vest, Raid Jacket w/ Vest, Plain Clothes w/ Vest, Uniform no Vest, Raid Jacket no Vest, (Uniform w/ Vest)	Other Factors:
Age: [redacted]	Height: 5' 8"	Weight: 190	
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]	
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings? [redacted] / Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted]
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name: [redacted]	First Name: [redacted]	M.I.:
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name: [redacted]	First Name: [redacted]	M.I.:

Officer Involved Shooting
Involved Employee Information



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Involved Employee

E 4

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name: Cardenas	First Name: Rafael	M.I.
Sex: M / Race: H	Rank: Deputy Sheriff	Unit Assignment: Century Station	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 213 F
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): **(EM)** PM Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): **(Regular)** Overtime Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☒	Coroner Case # / Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 7-8	Duty Time (hrs): [redacted]	Clothing (*circle only one*): Plain Clothes no Vest, Raid Jacket w/ Vest, Plain Clothes w/ Vest, Uniform no Vest, Raid Jacket no Vest, **(Uniform w/ Vest)**	Other Factors:
Age: [redacted]	Height: 5' 7"	Weight: 175	
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]	
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings? [redacted] / Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted]
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.

E 5

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name: Guerrero	First Name: Tony	M.I.
Sex: M / Race: H	Rank: Deputy Sheriff	Unit Assignment: Century Station	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 213 F
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): **(EM)** PM Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): **(Regular)** Overtime Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☒	Coroner Case # / Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 6	Duty Time (hrs): [redacted]	Clothing (*circle only one*): Plain Clothes no Vest, Raid Jacket w/ Vest, Plain Clothes w/ Vest, Uniform no Vest, Raid Jacket no Vest, **(Uniform w/ Vest)**	Other Factors:
Age: [redacted]	Height: 5' 10"	Weight: 170	
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]	
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings? ☒ / Number of Prior Shootings: 1
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.

E 6

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name: Kimball	First Name: Neil	M.I.
Sex: M / Race: W	Rank: Deputy Sheriff	Unit Assignment: Century Station	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 216 H
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): **(EM)** PM Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): **(Regular)** Overtime Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☒	Coroner Case # / Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 6	Duty Time (hrs): [redacted]	Clothing (*circle only one*): Plain Clothes no Vest, Raid Jacket w/ Vest, Plain Clothes w/ Vest, Uniform no Vest, Raid Jacket no Vest, **(Uniform w/ Vest)**	Other Factors:
Age: [redacted]	Height: 6' 1"	Weight: 180	
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]	
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings? ☒ / Number of Prior Shootings: 2
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.

See Other Side

Officer Involved Shooting
Suspect Information

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Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: WILLIAMS	First Name: CARL	M.I.: C.
AKA Last Name: JONES	First Name: CARL	M.I.:

Sex: M Race: Black	Street Address: [redacted]	City [redacted]	[redacted] Zip [redacted]
Work Phone: [redacted]	Home Pho[redacted]	Social Secu[redacted]	Driver's Licen[redacted]
Age: 27 D.O.B. 03-22-79	Height: 5' 10 Weight: 130	FBI # [redacted]	CII # [redacted]
Booking #: N/A	Primary Charge: 245(C)(2) PC	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☒	Coroner Case #: 2006-04482	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☒	Apprehended? ☒	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? [redacted]
Vehicle Make: [redacted] Toyota		Model: CP	Year: 1989

S

Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:
AKA Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:

Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:

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Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:
AKA Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:

Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:

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Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:
AKA Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:

Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:

SUPPLEMENTAL NON-EMPLOYEE WITNESSES
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]			[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]			[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]

Investigative Summary

Incident : Assault with a Deadly Weapon on a Peace Officer, Deputy Involved Shooting, Suspect Deceased

IAB File # SH 2173534
IAB File # IV 2174978
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Opening Statement

On June 13, 2006, investigators from the Internal Affairs Bureau Force/Shooting Roll-Out Team responded to a temporary command post situated in the parking lot of "Will Rogers Memorial Park," (Century Blvd & Central Avenue) in the city of Los Angeles. At the command post, Sergeant John Harris, Sergeant Ben Garcia and Lieutenant Mike Parker were briefed by Homicide detectives regarding a vehicle pursuit which culminated in a Deputy Involved Hit-Shooting.

The incident began when a marked Sheriff's patrol car from the Century Sheriff's Station began pursing the driver of a white Toyota sedan, who they believed was ***Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and/or Drugs and Reckless Driving.***

In the area of 96th Street, east of Central Avenue, the suspect driver (later identified as Carl Williams MB/27) rammed a Sheriff's unit that was stopped on 96th Street, east of Central Avenue. After ramming the stopped patrol car, Suspect Williams continued to assault the deputies, using his motor vehicle as a weapon to plow into the marked patrol cars. Suspect Williams continued this ramming pattern (pulling forward, then backing in reverse) three or four times. The involved deputies sought cover next to their vehicles. As Suspect Williams continued to assault the deputies, the deputies in fear of their lives, fired their handguns at Suspect Williams, firing only when he drove toward them. Suspect Williams who was the only occupant of the vehicle suffered multiple gunshot wounds and expired from his injuries.

On June 13, 2006, Chief Ronnie M. Williams, Field Operations Region II, tasked the Internal Affairs Bureau with conducting an administrative investigation, with the following sections identified as potential violations of the Manual of Policy and Procedures:

- **3-01/025.30 MMP,** **Use of Firearms and Deadly Force**
- **3-01/025.40 MMP,** **Assault by Moving Vehicle**
- **3-01/030.10 MMP,** **Obedience to Laws, Regulations and Orders**
- **3-01/050.10 MMP,** **Performance to Standards**
- **5-09/210.00 MMP,** **Control of A Pursuit**
- **5-09/210.02 MMP,** **Initiation of a Pursuit**

Century Station Deputies Rafael Cardenas #[redacted] Tony Guerrero #[redacted] Guerardo Magos #[redacted] Guillermo Sanchez #[redacted] David Goodwin #[redacted] Neil Kimball #[redacted] and the Century Watch Commander at the time of the pursuit, Lieutenant Nick Rampone #[redacted] were named as subjects in the investigation. Sergeant Harris was assigned the responsibility for the administrative investigation.

District Attorney's Letter of Opinion

On April 14, 2006, a letter of opinion was authored by Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney Tal Kahana of the Justice Integrity Division and forwarded to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau.

The following is an excerpt from the District Attorney's Letter of Opinion, written by Deputy District Attorney Kahana,

> **"The evidence examined in this investigation indicates that Carl Williams led police on a dangerous pursuit and turned his car into a mobile assault vehicle which posed a serious and immediate threat to the deputies. When Williams was ordered out of the vehicle, he intentionally disregarded the deputies' commands. Instead, Williams shifted his vehicle into reverse and deliberately crashed into the deputies' vehicles, endangering their lives and trapping Deputies Kimball and Sanchez. At no point did Williams give the deputies any indication that he was going to stop his vehicle, nor did he give any indication of surrender. Therefore, we conclude that each of the deputies reasonably believed that he was in imminent danger of great bodily injury or death by William's vehicle and fired his weapon lawfully in self defense and defense of others. We are closing our file in this matter and will take no further action." (Refer to Exhibit G, for additional information)**
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> **District Attorney Kahana made the following observations (footnote # 3) in regard to the damage sustained by the radio cars. "The passenger side of the front bumper was pushed inward and upward. The headlight and turn signal assembly was broken and the headlight was missing. The grill assembly over the headlight was broken and missing. The tops of the push bars were pushed backward into the motor compartment. The hood was bent inwards and buckled upward and there was radiator fluid leaking from the vehicle. Both the front and rear passenger's doors were dented inward and marked with significant black rubber tire transfer. There was paint transfer from William's car on numerous places."**
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> **IAB NOTE: The description provided by Deputy District Attorney Kahana is a summation of the damage caused by Suspect Williams as he continued to ram his vehicle into the stopped Sheriff's patrol cars. Refer to Photographs for additional information.**

Synopsis

Deputy Guerrero and Deputy Cardenas (Century Station Unit 213 F) were in uniform and in a marked black and white Sheriff's Department radio car, performing law enforcement duties in the unincorporated county area of Los Angeles.

The deputies received a call (tag # 294) at [redacted] They were to meet with a case worker from the Department of Children and Family Services (D.C.F.S.) and assist the worker with a welfare check. **Refer to Miscellaneous Documents**, Deputy Daily Worksheets and Unit History.

As the deputies approached South Willowbrook Avenue, their attention was drawn to a white Toyota sedan. The Toyota traveled north on South Willowbrook Avenue, then turned around, traveling south on South Willowbrook Avenue. The deputies observed the driver of the Toyota repeat this pattern two to three times.

The deputies were diverted from their D.C.F.S., by a call of shots fired (Sheriff's Radio Code of 923) at [redacted] Tag # 309, **Refer to Miscellaneous Documents**. The 923 call was approximately three or four blocks from the D.C.F.S. call. Unable to locate the source of the shooting, the deputies drove back to [redacted] to meet with the D.C.F.S. case worker.

Finding no one home at the D.C.F.S call, the deputies prepared to leave the location. The deputies again saw the Toyota. The Toyota was traveled west on East Stockwell Street and turned north on South Willowbrook Avenue.

The deputies believed the driver's actions were suspicious because the driver kept driving up and down on South Willowbrook Avenue, with no apparent destination. The deputies decided to catch up with the Toyota and run a check of the vehicle's license plate.

The Toyota had a thirty or forty second lead on the deputies as they attempted to catch up with it. Even though the driver of the Toyota was driving fast, the deputies were able to maintain a visual on the vehicle, which was several cars in front of them. The driver of the Toyota made a sudden turn west onto El Segundo Blvd., with Unit 213 F following behind the speeding vehicle.

The deputies remained behind the Toyota, with several cars between them. Now on El Segundo Blvd the driver of the Toyota was swerving from side-to-side from the number one lane and into the number two lane. The Toyota's driver was speeding, driving in an erratic manner, moving from lane to lane, and cutting in-between cars.

The Toyota turned north on South Wilmington Avenue from El Segundo Blvd., with multiple cars in-between the Toyota and Unit 213 F. The Toyota's driver swerved back-and-forth from the number one lane to the number two lane, without signaling, and made abrupt lane changes as he cut off cars, swerving in front of them. The Toyota's driver continued serving in and out of lanes, often for no apparent reason. At times the Toyota's driver would straddle the lane for a period of time or go around cars very close, almost hitting them.

The driver of the Toyota was speeding, lane straddling, not signaling and just driving in a reckless and erratic manner. Deputy Guerrero and Deputy Cardenas (Unit 213 F) believed that the way the driver was driving, was consistent with someone who was under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

The deputies were able to catch up and get behind the Toyota after the driver stopped for a red traffic light at 118th Street and Wilmington Avenue. The deputies ran the plate and decided to effect a traffic stop on the vehicle as soon as the traffic signal tuned green. The deputies attempted a traffic stop at the 105 Freeway and Wilmington Avenue. The driver of the white Toyota sedan (later identified as Suspect Carl Williams) refused to yield and turned east on 115th Street.

The deputies sounded their vehicle's air horn several times trying to get the Toyota's driver, (Suspect Williams) to stop his vehicle. The deputies also used their vehicles' spotlights flashing it across the Toyota's rearview mirrors and side mirrors, as well as using their vehicles rotating emergency lights and siren.

At Grape Street and 113th Street, the deputies requested the patch and began broadcasting via their radio that they were in pursuit of a "Deuce reckless."

Unit 213 F pursued Suspect Williams as he drove the following route;

- South on Mona Blvd, to west on 115th Street,
- North on Gorman, to west on 115th Place,
- West on 115th Place to north on Wilmington, west on Century Blvd,
- North on Compton, and eventually north on Success,
- West on 100th Street to north on Central Avenue,
- East 99th Street, to the north south alley, (just east of Central Avenue), culminating at 96th Street and east of Central Avenue.

IAB NOTE: The pursuit was approximately 3 miles long, with speeds between 45-60 miles per hour. The pursuit lasted approximately three minutes and forty seconds. (Refer to Exhibit A, (verbatim and recorded audio) and Exhibit E, Pursuit Package, for additional information)

Century Unit 216 H joined the pursuit and became the first unit in the pursuit, when they turned west bound on 99th Street, and the suspect turned west bound on 100th Street. They followed the suspect's vehicle as he drove north in the alley, approaching 96th Street, with 213F following behind them.

Suspect Williams exited the alley and turned left (west) toward Central Avenue. He intentionally rammed his vehicle into the passenger side of Unit 216 F, who was stopped on 6th Street, east of Central Avenue. When Suspect Williams exited the alley, he had the option of turning right (east) on 96th Street or left (west), toward Central Avenue.

Sergeant Steven Gonzalez, assigned to the Sheriff's Department Civil Ligation Unit and a member of the Traffic Collision Response Team of Headquarters Traffic Services was notified and responded to the scene.

Sergeant Gonzalez investigated the collision and prepared a five-page supplemental report (Vehicle Motion Analysis) and was also interviewed in regards to his findings. **(Refer to Exhibit D, Supplemental Report by Sergeant Gonzalez for additional information)**

As an expert in his field, Sergeant Gonzalez was able to reconstruct the collision, beginning with the Suspect Williams' vehicle exiting the north south alley, that is east of Central Avenue and south of 96th Street. Sergeant Gonzalez opined:

> "The suspect vehicle was traveling northbound through the alley that you just indicated. As he was going through the alley, there was a radio car that was positioned in the middle of 96th Street at about a forty-five-degree angle. The radio car was positioned far enough west of the alley where the suspect could have just gone straight through the alley and continued northbound without ever striking the radio car. I believe that would be 216 Frank's radio car was the one that was stopped in the middle of the street. The suspect made a very deliberate turn to his left, which would have been westbound, and struck the passenger front corner of 216 Frank's vehicle.
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> I was able to determine that was a deliberate act, basically being assault on a peace officer or even attempted murder on a peace officer since we're using such a heavy vehicle. I was able to determine that because of the angle of the impact between the two cars, and also the fact that the suspect could have just driven straight through the alley and not contacted the radio car. Based on the distance traveled of both vehicles and their damage profile, I was able to determine that the suspect struck the vehicle somewhere in the area of 216 Frank's vehicle, he struck 216 Frank's vehicle somewhere in the area of about thirty to thirty-five miles an hour. At impact, both of their front ends struck, hit each other, and then there was a secondary slap between the, right about at the rear tires. The marks on the road, the marks on the roadway showed me that the suspect's vehicle then made a sharp right turn, which would have been eastbound on 96th Street, and his speed was scrubbed off from impacting the radio car and also from him braking. The suspect vehicle then hit the front of a Nissan pickup truck which was parked on the north side of the roadway."

Sergeant Gonzalez was asked for his opinion if the deputies in 216 F could have taken any preventive action to avoid being struck, after they stopped their patrol vehicle on 96th Street. Sergeant Gonzalez offered the following:

> "Oh, no, the collision happened too fast. I firmly, well, I'm going to give my opinion on this, I think I can. I think 216 Frank had positioned their vehicle in order to, anticipating the suspect would just continue northbound through the alley, and then as I said earlier, there was plenty of room for the suspect to continue further through the alley. They could not have gone forward. Otherwise, the suspect would have hit 216 Franks' vehicle dead center on the passengers' door and couldn't have gone backwards. There just was not enough time left for him to shift gears and then move out of the way."

Sergeant Gonzales also said it was his belief that Unit 216F was stopped at the time of the impact.

Deputies Kimball and Goodwin, Unit 216H, believed the suspect vehicle had crashed into the light pole, had been disabled and the pursuit was now over. They pulled their vehicle behind and to the right of the suspect's vehicle, in anticipation of conducing a felony traffic stop.

> **IAB NOTE: During the IAB interviews, it was the consensus of the involved deputies that Suspect Williams' vehicle struck the side of 216F's vehicle, and then continued on, striking the light pole on located on the north side of 96th Street.**
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> **Thru his investigation, Sergeant Gonzalez was able to prove that Suspect Williams' vehicle struck the front of the Nissan pickup truck (CA. [redacted] first, pushing the truck a small distance backwards and away from the light pole. The vehicle didn't strike the light pole at this time.**

After Suspect Williams drove forward into the Nissan pickup truck, Deputy Kimball (driver of 216 H) opened his door and stepped outside, standing in the well of the door, between the open driver's door and the frame of his car. Deputy Kimball was taking cover, in preparation for conducting a felony vehicle stop.

After the front of the suspect's vehicle struck the front of Nissan pickup truck, Suspect Williams repositioned his vehicle and backed into Deputy Kimball's vehicle (216 H), spinning the tires and gunning the vehicle's engine as he drove in reverse and crashed into the front and open driver's door of Deputy Kimball's radio car.

Deputy Kimball saw the suspect suddenly place the Toyota into reverse and back straight at him. Deputy Kimball hastily retreated back into his radio car as the suspect's vehicle struck the front of his radio car and then his door. Before he could completely retreat back into his car, the impact of the collision slammed Deputy Kimball's open door close, striking him with the door. As the suspect vehicle backed alongside of Deputy Kimball's car, Deputy Kimball in fear for his life, fired several rounds at the suspect.

The suspect's vehicle struck the front bumper of Deputies Kimball's patrol car, scrapping the bumper as it backed up and possibly the driver's door of Deputy Kimball's patrol car. Deputy Kimball fired at Suspect Williams through the rolled up window of the driver's door, as the suspect vehicle backed along the side of the radio car.

Deputy Kimball's partner, Deputy Goodwin also fired at the suspect, believing that Deputy Kimball was going to be crushed between his car door and the car.

Measurement from the crime scene sketch, taken at the conclusion of the shooting, indicate a distance of two feet between the passenger side of the suspect's vehicle and the left front (drivers) side of Deputy Kimball's patrol car. **(Refer to the Crime Scene Sketch at the conclusion of the summary)**

Sergeant Gonzalez was asked to reconstruct the events that occurred after the suspect's vehicle struck the Nissan pickup truck and placed his vehicle into reverse, Sergeant Gonzalez related the following:

> "Well, I was able to determine that it struck the Nissan at a very low speed. When the suspect struck the Nissan, neither air bags on the suspect's vehicle nor the Nissan pickup truck went off, and the Nissan was pushed just a small distance. So the impact was probably in the area of only about eight to ten miles per hour. Due to the markings on the roadway, what I was able to determine after that is the suspect then placed his vehicle in reverse and backed up.
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> As he began to, as he began, the suspect began to backup, the rear corner panel of the suspect's vehicle, somewhere in the area near the rear bumper, began scraping across the front bumper area of vehicle number: SD00289, which would be 216 Henry's vehicle on this map that you provided me. He, the suspect vehicle continued scraping along the front bumper. There was damage there that indicated the two vehicles came in contact, and also due to the marking on the roadway.
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> Also, as the suspect began his acceleration, he pressed on the gas hard enough to cause the drive wheel to lose traction which caused a squealing sound on the roadway. The suspect vehicle, the suspect's vehicle then backed up or came to a stop somewhere in the middle of 96th Street. At that point, what I was able to tell, again, due to the marking on the, markings on the roadway, the suspect then placed the vehicle in drive. He then accelerated forward again on 96th Street. The forward acceleration again was at a low speed. All of these are low speed maneuvers. There's not enough room in this area or on the street for the suspect to get any speed up. All of these maneuvers probably occurred at less than about ten miles per hour. Again, the suspect went forward. This time I found no evidence that he struck anything in the forward, during his forward movement.
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> After that forward movement, the suspect then again put his vehicle in reverse. I found evidence on the roadway that during this reverse maneuver he again lost traction as he was bringing the vehicle backwards. This time the suspect's, the rear of the suspect's vehicle hit the door of 216 Frank's vehicle on this reverse, on this backing maneuver.

After he struck 216 Frank's door, once again, the suspect put his vehicle into drive and again accelerated forward. This forward acceleration caused the suspect to run into the light post that was in front of one of the houses. I believe it's [redacted] The suspect struck the light pole that was in front. That was where I found the suspect's vehicle at rest. Each of these movements that I've just described is supported by physical evidence on the roadway, either tire markings, acceleration marks or vehicle-to-vehicle contact. There may have been other movements forward or backwards on the roadway that did not leave any marks that, and that I cannot account for."

The suspect pulled forward and again put his car in reverse, striking the front and passenger side of Unit 216 F.

After intentionally backing into Deputy Kimball's vehicle (216 H), the suspect drove forward toward the light pole. Suspect Williams then placed his vehicle into reverse for a second time and again backed toward the radio cars.

Gunning the vehicle's engines and spinning the tires, Suspect Williams drove backwards, crashing his vehicle into Deputy Magos' and Sanchez's radio car (216 F) for the second time. Deputy Sanchez was exiting the vehicle when the suspect backed his car into their radio car, forcing him to jump inside of his patrol car to avoid being struck by the suspect's vehicle. The bottom of the suspect's vehicle, impacted the top of 216 F's engine compartment.

As the suspect continued his assault, deputies, in fear for their safety, fired at the suspect. The suspect continued his assault on the deputies with the suspect intentionally backing his vehicle into the deputies' patrol car, approximately four times.

Deputy Guerrero (213F) said after exiting the alley, behind 216H, he stopped and placed his radio car in reverse, backed up and placed his patrol car in park. Upon seeing the suspect's vehicle back up, toward Deputy Kimball, he fired "numerous rounds down range," Deputy Guerrero said that he was in fear for his life and the life of his partners.

Deputy Guerrero said, "I was in direct range of the vehicle, directly behind the vehicle." "I didn't know what the suspect may of had, I fired multiple times into the vehicle, in fear of my life and that of my partners."

Deputy Guerrero said he was able to get out of his vehicle and position himself closer to 216F's vehicle. Deputy Guerrero said he saw the driver was making "multiple" furtive motions, he was laying down, his hands were going up and down, as he was trying to get something.

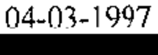
After driving his vehicle several times at the deputies, the suspect pulled his vehicle forward one last time. The suspect's vehicle collided with the light pole at [redacted] where it came to rest. Deputies requested back-up and emergency medical aid. Assisting units responded, an arrest team was formed and the deputies approached the suspect's vehicle.

The involved deputies were not part of the arrest team. It was determined that Suspect Williams had been struck by gunfire and was transported by paramedics to Saint Francis Hospital Medical Center of Lynwood where he died of his injuries.

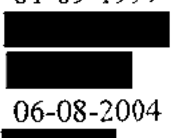
At Saint Francis Hospital, a clear plastic baggie, containing seven rock-like substances, resembling rock cocaine was recovered from the backboard that Suspect Williams had been placed on. **Refer to Supplementa l Report, Exhibit C, by Deputy Kendall.**

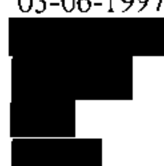
Sergeant Gonzalez opined that while the suspect's vehicles speeds were not high, the injuries caused by being run over or struck by the suspect's vehicle could still be serious injuries.
Sergeant Gonzalez believes that when the suspect moved his car forward after striking the patrol car(s) and then placing his car into reverse, it was a deliberate act.

<u>Involved Personnel</u>

DEPUTY RAFAEL CARDENAS #[redacted] **Book man in Century Unit 213 F**
Date of Employment: 04-03-1997

Date Assigned to Patrol: [redacted]

Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s): [redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents: [redacted]
(Fired 12 rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from a Department issued Beretta, Model 92F, semiautomatic pistol).

DEPUTY TONY GUERRERO #[redacted] **Driver of Century Unit 213 F**
Date of Employment: 01-09-1997

Date Assigned to Patrol: [redacted]
Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s): 06-08-2004
Prior Founded Force Incidents: [redacted]
(Fired 23 rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from a Department issued Beretta, Model 92F, semiautomatic pistol with laser sights).

DEPUTY GERARDO MAGOS #[redacted] **Driver of Century Unit 216 F**
Date of Employment: 03-06-1997

Date Assigned to Patrol: [redacted]
Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s): [redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents: [redacted]
(Fired 12 rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from a Department issued Beretta, Model 92F, semiautomatic pistol).

DEPUTY GUILLERMO SANCHEZ #[redacted] **Book man in Century Unit 216 F**
Date of Employment: 03-06-1997
Date Assigned to Patrol: [redacted]
Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s): [redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents: [redacted]
(Fired six rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from a Department issued Beretta, Model 92F, semiautomatic pistol).

DEPUTY DAVID GOODWIN #[redacted] **Book man in Century Unit 216 H**
Date of Employment: 02-11-1991
Date Assigned to Patrol: [redacted]
Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s): 01-09-1999
Prior Founded Force Incidents: [redacted]
(Fired three rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from a Department issued Beretta, Model 92F, semiautomatic pistol).

DEPUTY NEIL KIMBALL #[redacted] **Driver of Century Unit 216 H**
Date of Employment: 08-19-1998
Date Assigned to Patrol: [redacted]
Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s): 11-10-2001& 06-08-2004
Prior Founded Force Incidents: [redacted]
(Fired 20 rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from a Department issued Beretta, Model 92F, semiautomatic pistol).

Suspect

CARL Carmell Williams, CII [redacted] DOB, 03-22-1979, [redacted] An inquiry into the Consolidated Criminal History Reporting System (CCHRS) revealed Suspect Williams, as an adult had [redacted] with one [redacted] Suspect Williams' [redacted]

Williams has [redacted] At the time of the incident, Suspect Williams was driving with a suspended California Drivers License, with three "Failures To Appear," listed on his Department of Motor Vehicle Printout. Suspect Williams was associated with the "Avalon Garden Crips" and used the a.k.a. of "Lil Devil" and "Lil G. "

At the time of the incident Suspect Williams was armed with a 9mm "Hi-Point" blue steel, semiautomatic pistol. This pistol was recovered from the driver's seat of the vehicle. **Refer to Exhibit F for additional information.**

Non-Department Witnesses

WITNESS [redacted] MH [redacted] CDL # [redacted]

WITNESS [redacted] MH [redacted]

WITNESS [redacted] FH [redacted]

WITNESS [redacted] FH [redacted]

WITNESS [redacted] FH [redacted]

WITNESS [redacted] MH [redacted]

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Injuries

Suspect Carl Williams - The Corners Report lists a total of eighteen (18) gunshot wounds to the suspect, two of which were fatal. Those being the one to the head and one to the torso. The report indicates that five of the gunshots are potentially fatal, those to the right upper and both upper extremities as they produced fractures of the long bones and vascular injuries. Eleven of the gunshot wounds were non fatal, those to the right upper and both lower extremities.

A Toxicology Report was prepared by Dr. Ortiz, Deputy Medical Examiner which revealed no narcotics or controlled substances were detected by the Forensic Laboratories.

Dr Ortiz of The Los Angeles County Corners Department listed his finding the autopsy report. There Dr. Ortiz listed the mechanism of death as a combination of neural dysfunctional, as well as massive bleeding secondary to the injuries produced by the gunshot wounds. Dr. Ortiz opined that after a careful review of the circumstances and the autopsy examination, this death is moded as homicidal. **For additional information, refer to The Autopsy Report, which can be found in the Homicide Investigation, page 145 to 203**

Physical Evidence

Refer to Homicide Bureau's Investigation, Supplemental Report by Criminalist Tracy Peck [redacted] Scientific Services Bureau. **Crime Scene Investigation Conducted, Evidence Collected and Documented Pages 56-71.**

Investigators' Observations

Investigators noted that the crime scene centered primarily on the driveway of and in the street in front of [redacted] East of 96th Street is a narrow east/ west street boarded on the west by South Central Avenue and on the east by Pace Avenue. There are single family residences on both the north and south sides of the street with east to west sidewalks in front of them.

There is a north to south alley 110 feet east of Central Avenue, adjacent to the east side of the alleyway.

East 96th Street is 32 feet wide from curb line to curb line. The intersecting north/south alley is 17 feet wide south of 96th Street. The alley widens to 20 feet north of East 96th Street. The alley is asphalt with concrete aprons blending into East 96th Street. **(Refer to Supplemental Report by Homicide Investigators William Cotter and Richard Lopez, which can be found in the Homicide Investigation, Pages 71 thru 81)**

Weapons Used by Deputy Personnel

Deputy Rafael Cardenas #[redacted]
(Fired 12 rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from a Department issued Beretta, Model 92F, semiautomatic pistol).

Deputy Tony Guerrero #[redacted]
(Fired 23 rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from a Department issued Beretta, Model 92F, semiautomatic pistol with laser sights).

Deputy Gerardo Magos #[redacted]
(Fired 12 rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from a Department issued Beretta, Model 92F, semiautomatic pistol).

Deputy Guillermo Sanchez #[redacted]
(Fired six rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from a Department issued Beretta, Model 92F, semiautomatic pistol).

Deputy David Goodwin #[redacted]
(Fired three rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from a Department issued Beretta, Model 92F, semiautomatic pistol).

Deputy Neil Kimball #[redacted]
(Fired 20 rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from a Department issued Beretta, Model 92F, semiautomatic pistol).

IAB NOTE: During the repeated assaults by Suspect Williams, a total of seventy-six rounds were fired by deputies.

Weapon Used by Suspects

Suspect Williams - At the time of his death, Suspect Williams was armed with a 9mm "Hi-Point" blue steel, semiautomatic pistol. This pistol was recovered from the front driver's seat of the suspect's vehicle. Upon closer examination it was found to be loaded with one live round in the chamber and six live rounds in the magazine. The weapon did not appear to have been recently fired.

IAB NOTE: The weapon was purchased by Mr. [redacted] of [redacted] Mr. [redacted] is believed to have left [redacted] approximately six months prior to the shooting, having moved to [redacted] Refer to page 81 for additional information.

Property Damage

Property damage consisted of possible collision damage to the front of a Nissan pickup truck (CA. [redacted] which was parked and the light pole at [redacted]

Criminal Investigators

Homicide Bureau Detectives Kevin Lowe and Dameron Peyton

Lighting and Weather Conditions

The shooting took place during the hours of darkness (approximately 2135 hours), with residential lighting at [redacted] There were overhead light poles located on the south sidewalk of East 96TH Street approximately 60 feet east of Central Avenue and another located on the north sidewalk at [redacted]

IAB NOTE: The light pole at [redacted] is the light pole the suspect's vehicle collided with.

The weather was cool and clear. **Refer to Supplemental Report by Homicide Investigators William Cotter and Richard Lopez, which can be found in the Homicide Investigation, Pages 71 thru 81**

Involved Employee Statements

The narrative which follows is intended only as a synopsis of the interviews and additional information and precise verbiage may be obtained by reviewing the recorded interviews. Additionally, verbatim transcriptions have been submitted with this investigation. At the conclusion of the IAB verbatim transcription, the involved deputies have indicated the position or in some cases, the positions that they fired from. The crime scene sketch and deputies firing positions are not to scale and serve as an additional tool for the reader.

Deputy Tony Guerrero, driver of Unit 213F

Deputy Guerrero said he and Deputy Cardenas saw the suspect's vehicle "roaming around," approximately three times and that it had driven by them, actually passing them.
Deputy Guerrero said they were at a call, and after leaving the call, they saw the vehicle again and were able to catch up to it. They caught sight of the suspect's vehicle as the vehicle was traveling west on El Segundo at Willowbrook. Deputy Guerrero said the suspect was driving pretty fast and there were multiple cars in between them.

Deputy Guerrero said they got close enough to the suspect (approximately 120th and Wilmington) to run the license plate on the vehicle. They decided to pull him over, as he was driving way too fast and they "lit him up" at 105th and Wilmington. The suspect refused to pull over and took off on them.

Route of the Pursuit

Deputy Guerrero said they followed the suspect's vehicle;

- north on Wilmington, were he doubled back and went over the tracks,
- south on the east side of Wilmington, to east on 115th Street,
- east on 113th Street (possibly by going north on Grape Street), ***Initiated Pursuit***
- south on Mona Blvd, to west on 115th Street,
- north on Gorman, to west on 115th Place,
- west on 115th Place to north on Wilmington, west on Century Blvd, north on Compton, and eventually north on Success,
- west on 100th Street to north on Central Avenue,
- east 99th Street, to the north south alley, (just east of Central Avenue),
- culminating at 96th Street and east of Central Avenue.

Deputy Guerrero said that at 96th Street, east of Central Avenue, the suspect's vehicle collided with a radio car that was traveling east on 96th Street from Central Avenue. Deputy Guerrero said that after striking the radio car, the suspect's vehicle struck a street light pole.

Deputy Guerrero said he originally stopped, approximately 10 feet behind the suspect's vehicle and backed up, when he saw the suspect's vehicle back up lights come on. Deputy Guerrero said this occurred after the suspect had crashed into the side of Unit 216F's vehicle and stopped momentarily after hitting the light pole.

Deputy Guerrero said after the suspect's vehicle struck the light pole, the suspect repositioned his vehicle and backed into Deputy Kimball's vehicle (216 H). The suspect backed into Unit 216H, drove forward and again backed into Unit 216F. Deputy Guerrero said the second impact was harder than the first. He saw Deputy Kimball exit his vehicle, run backwards, and go to his knee as he slipped and fell.

Deputy Guerrero said he believed that Deputy Kimball was going to be crushed by the suspect's vehicle and that he fired his weapon at the driver. Deputy Guerrero said he was at the driver's door when he fired and heard the sound of gun shots, before he fired.

The suspect pulled his vehicle forward, spinning the tires, and then went backwards, crashing his vehicle into Deputy Magos' and Sanchez's vehicle (216 F). Deputy Guerrero said Deputy Sanchez was the book man and when the suspect rammed Sanchez's vehicle, the force caused Sanchez to fall backwards.

Deputy Guerrero said he was able to get out of his vehicle and position himself closer to 216F's vehicle. Deputy Guerrero said he saw the driver was making "multiple" furtive motions, he was laying down, his hands were going up and down, as he was trying to get something.

Additional clarifying statements by Deputy Guerrero;

- Deputy Guerrero said that he was able to back his radio car away from the suspect's vehicle, before firing.
- Deputy Guerrero took up a position next to Deputy Sanchez, after he moved from his radio car
- Deputy Guerrero believes he reloaded his weapon somewhere near his vehicle.
- Deputy Guerrero said that the suspect's vehicle had passed him at least three different times, twice on Willowbrook going back and forth and once when the suspect was stopped on Stockwell.

Deputy Rafael Cardenas, book man for Unit 213F

Deputy Cardenas related the events that led up to the pursuit, corroborating the earlier statements made by his partner, Deputy Guerrero, who was the driver of their car.

Deputy Cardenas said that during the pursuit, the suspect's vehicle lost traction from it rear tires and that sparks were shooting out from the vehicle's undercarriage, as it went over a bump in the road at Santa Anna and Wilmington Avenue. At Century and Success, the suspect's vehicle again lost traction with the pavement, as the suspect locked his brakes up, as he tried to turn and skidded past the street.

Deputy Cardenas said as the suspect's vehicle exited the north/south alley onto 96th Street, it crashed into a radio car that was going east on 96th Street. Deputy Cardenas said after rebounding off the radio car, the suspect's vehicle then struck a light pole.

Deputy Cardenas said the radio car that had been in front of them, Unit 216F, pulled off to the right side of the suspect's vehicle, to make a felony traffic stop. Deputy Cardenas said they lined up their radio car between 216F and 216H. Deputy Cardenas said that he saw the back up lights of the suspect's vehicle come on and the suspect vehicle slammed into both of the radio cars that were directly in front of him (216F and 216H).

Deputy Cardenas said this occurred as the deputies were exiting their vehicles, which caused the car doors to slam shut and hit the deputies. The suspect vehicle then pulled forward, before placing his vehicle into reverse for a second time and ramming the radio cars. Deputy Cardenas said the suspect had turned in his seat and was looking back at them. Deputy Cardenas said the suspect appeared to be angry.

Deputy Cardenas said, "in fear for my partner's lives, I fired my weapon 2- 4 times at the vehicle to stop the threat." Deputy Cardenas said he fired into the driver's compartment of the suspect's vehicle from a distance of approximately 10-12 feet, from the door well of his radio car.

Deputy Cardenas said he fired his weapon the second time that the suspect placed his vehicle into reverse and heard rounds going off before he fired. Deputy Cardenas said that the vehicle continued moving back and forth, still colliding with the deputies vehicles, with the deputies still inside of the vehicle. He said deputies were yelling for the suspect to stop. However, he ignored their commands.

Deputy Cardenas said the suspect's vehicle continued to collide into the radio cars, but he no longer had a good clear shot. Deputy Cardenas said he walked around to the front of the hood of the black and white that was to the right side of him, leaned over the hood and fired "multiple" shots into the suspect's vehicle to stop the threat.

Additional clarifying statements by Deputy Cardenas;

- Deputy Cardenas said he fired his first rounds when the deputies were in danger of being crushed by the suspect's vehicle.
- Deputy Cardenas fired from two different locations.
- Deputy Cardenas said the suspect was moving his hands from top to bottom.
- Deputy Cardenas said even after he fired his second group of rounds, the suspect continued his assault.
- Deputy Cardenas said as he was putting out the emergency traffic, shots were still being fired at the moving suspect.
- Deputy Cardenas said that he believed the suspect intentionally crashed into Unit 216F and that he saw the suspect swerve to the left upon leaving the alley.

Deputy Gerardo Magos, driver of Unit 216F

Deputy Magos said they heard Unit 213F on the "patch" in pursuit of a "Deuce Reckless," and because of the suspect's direction of travel, they believed the suspect was headed for the projects. Deputy Magos said they were working the Firestone Park Area, and began traveling southbound on Hooper Avenue. (Hooper Avenue turns into Cental Avenue after 94th Street)

Deputy Magos said they were driving eastbound on 96th Street from Cental Avenue when the suspect's vehicle exited the N/S alley. Deputy Magos said the suspect drove his vehicle straight at them and he didn't have his driving lights on. After crashing into them and the suspect's vehicle veered off into a light pole.

Deputy Magos said that Deputy Kimball pulled up behind the suspect's vehicle and got out of his car. Deputy Magos said the suspect placed his car in reverse and drove toward Deputy Kimball. The suspect's vehicle struck Deputy Kimball's door. Deputy Magos believed the suspect was going to seriously injure Deputy Kimball and so he (Magos) fired his weapon at the suspect. Deputy Magos said he believed other deputies also fired at the suspect at this time.

Deputy Magos said the suspect then drove forward and again placed his vehicle into reverse, backing toward the radio cars. Deputy Magos said his partner was out of the vehicle, and that as the suspect drove backwards for the second time, he (suspect) smashed into his partner's (Sanchez's) right front door. Deputy Magos said he though the suspect was going to injure his partner, and he fired his weapon again.

Deputy Magos said the suspect again drove forward, stopped and again placed his vehicle into reverse. The suspect once again ran his vehicle into Deputy Kimball's radio car and he (Magos) fired again. Deputy Magos said that the suspect once again pulled forward, then placed his vehicle into reverse and struck their car again, at which time he (Magos) fired his weapon again.

Deputy Magos said at one point the suspect put both legs out of the car as if he was going to jump out of the car. They continued to give the suspect verbal commands to put his hands up. Deputy Magos said that he could see the suspect was moving his arm, as if reaching for something.

Additional clarifying statements by Deputy Magos;

- Deputy Magos said that he fired at the suspect from a position behind his door (drivers side.)
- Deputy Magos said that the suspect backed his car into their radio cars four different times.
- Deputy Magos told Homicide investigators, that the first time that he fired, he fired 2 to 3 rounds, the second time he fired, he fired 5 to 6 rounds. The third time he fired, he fired 3 rounds and unknown on the fourth time he fired. Deputy Magos said each time that he fired, he was either in fear of his own life, or in fear of another deputy's life.

Deputy Guillermo Sanchez, book man for Unit 216F

Deputy Sanchez said they heard the pursuit go out, with a Century unit following a "Reckless Drunk Driver. " They proceeded toward the pursuit so that they would be close enough to assist with a containment when the pursuit terminated. They heard that the suspect's vehicle was traveling eastbound on either 99th or 100th Street.

As they drove eastbound on 96th Street, they slowed down because they could hear sirens, at which time the suspect's vehicle exited the alley, crashed into them and subsequently collided with a light pole. Deputy Sanchez said they did not hear any radio traffic that the pursuit was traveling north in the alley. Deputy Sanchez said it appeared at first that the suspect's vehicle was going to turn right, but didn't. The suspect intentionally rammed his vehicle into their radio car.

Deputy Sanchez said they set up to do a felony traffic stop and he believed the suspect's vehicle was no longer operable. Deputy Sanchez said he got out of his car and pointed his gun in the direction of the suspect's car. Deputy Sanchez said the suspect placed his vehicle in reverse and began to back up toward Deputy Kimball, who was standing between the driver's door and his radio car. Deputy Sanchez said as the suspect's vehicle backed up, it hit the bumper of Deputy Kimball's vehicle and was headed toward Deputy Kimball's door.

Deputy Sanchez said that the suspect's vehicle careened off of Deputy Kimball's radio car and was now headed toward him. Deputy Sanchez said that in fear for both Deputy Kimball's life and his own, he fired approximately five rounds at the driver.

Deputy Sanchez said the suspect's vehicle drove forward and again rapidly backed up. The suspect's vehicle collided with the front bumper of his radio car, and actually landed on top of the hood of their unit. Deputy Sanchez said he didn't have time to get away, so he (Sanchez) dove back into his radio car.

Deputy Sanchez said after the suspect's vehicle struck their car and the suspect drove forward again. He (Sanchez) started to get out of his car again and that the suspect again struck Deputy Kimball's vehicle and their vehicle one more time. The suspect then drove forward one more time and stopped at the pole.

Deputy Sanchez said he heard a few more shots and then the firing stopped. His partner (Magos) got on the radio and requested additional assistance.

Additional clarifying statements by Deputy Sanchez;

- Deputy Sanchez fired from the open door or just outside of the door of his unit, then went back into his car and did not fire again.
- Deputy Sanchez said that as the suspect was backing up, the suspect was laying down in the seat and using the seat and trunk as cover.
- Deputy Sanchez said that the suspect was given numerous commands to stop by deputy personnel.
- Deputy Sanchez said he believed the suspect was moving between 3 and 4 miles per hour as he was backing toward them.

Deputy Neil Kimball, driver of Unit 216 H

Deputy Kimball said he and his partner (Deputy Goodwin) were at a call at 99th and Success Avenue when they heard a broadcast from another unit advising that they were in pursuit of a "Reckless Drunk Driver." Deputy Kimball said they headed in that direction and joined the pursuit, becoming the second radio car in the pursuit.

Deputy Kimball said they became the first unit in the pursuit, when they turned west bound on 99th Street, and the suspect turned west bound on 100th Street. They followed the suspect's vehicle as he drove north in the alley, approaching 96th Street.

Deputy Kimball said the suspect's vehicle exited the alley at 96th Street, and it crashed into the radio car that was headed east on 96th Street and then into a light pole. Deputy Kimball estimated the suspect's speed in the alley was approximately 60-70 mph, and believed the suspect intentionally swerved into the radio car, Unit 216F.

Deputy Kimball said after the suspect crash into the light pole, he stopped his radio car to the rear passenger side of the suspect's vehicle. Deputy Kimball said as soon as the suspect's vehicle stopped at the light pole, the suspect placed his vehicle into reverse and backed into their radio car. The suspect veered his vehicle (passenger side), into the driver's side of their radio car. Deputy Kimball said at this point his door (drivers') was open and the suspect's vehicle hit either his door or the front of his radio car and his door swung closed, striking him on his side. Deputy Kimball said it happened so fast, they didn't have time to take evasive action.

Deputy Kimball said he fired a round toward the driver of the suspect vehicle, thinking that he (Kimball) was trapped inside of his car, "pinned in," with the suspect directly across from him.
Deputy Kimball believed the suspect was armed and that he had just assaulted his fellow deputies, using his vehicle as a weapon. He said he couldn't see the suspect's hands and thought he was reaching for a weapon. Deputy Kimball said he fired through the (drivers') window. He said, "I tried to open the door, then tried to open the door, then tried again." Deputy Kimball said he fired at the suspect's vehicle, because the suspect had pulled forward and was coming back at him.

Deputy Kimball said that when he got out of his radio car and he slipped on the broken glass, falling to the ground. Deputy Kimball said, "as I got up, the suspect was still coming, which was like the third time."
Deputy Kimball said he tactically reloaded and believes he fired another two to three more rounds. At this point Deputy Kimball said that he didn't see the suspect moving anymore and he stopped firing.

Clarifying statements by Deputy Kimball;

- Deputy Kimball said he had started to exit his car, when the suspect caused his door to slam back and that he almost had his head pinned between the door and the car.
- Deputy Kimball said he fired his first round when the suspect vehicle struck his radio car, causing his door to come back. Deputy Kimball doesn't recall whether or not he fired through the window, and believes he fired 4 to 5 rounds.
- Deputy Kimball said that he fired additional rounds at the suspect, as the suspect maneuvered his vehicle in reverse at him. Deputy Kimball said he was trapped and that the suspect's vehicle was along the side of him.
- Deputy Kimball said he could hear the deputies yelling commands at the suspect to stop and the suspect was just sitting there, that he was waving his arms and moving his hands and reaching under the seat.
- Deputy Kimball reiterated that he felt that he was "pinned in," the suspect was very close to him and that he was in danger.
- Deputy Kimball said he knew about the radio car that the suspect had crashed into, but was unaware of the presence of the third radio car.

Deputy David Goodwin, book man for Unit 216 H

Deputy Goodwin corroborated the statements of his partner Deputy Kimball as to how they became part of the pursuit. Additionally Deputy Goodwin said that the lead vehicle slid wide on the turn at Century and Success, at which time they passed the lead vehicle and took over the pursuit. Deputy Goodwin said there were only two radio cars involved in the pursuit.

Deputy Goodwin said they followed the suspect northbound through the alley and that the lead vehicle with Deputy Cardenas, was now behind them. Deputy Goodwin estimated the suspect's speed at approximately 40-50 mph, adding that the narrow width of the alley made seem as if you were driving faster.

Deputy Goodwin said as they approached 96th Street, they could see the emergency rotator lights from an approaching radio car that was eastbound on 96th Street from Central Avenue. Deputy Goodwin said as they approached the mouth of the alley, it appeared that the suspect was going to make a right hand turn from the alley onto 96th Street.

Deputy Goodwin said that he doesn't know if when the suspect saw the radio car, he "nutted up," or ...but he turned right into them, "it looked like he intended to ram them." The radio car stopped, it didn't matter, he rammed them anyway, sending their vehicle askew and the suspect's vehicle "ricocheted" off into a pole and on the sidewalk.

Deputy Goodwin said they came up behind the suspect's vehicle in order to do a felony stop. Deputy Goodwin said he exited his vehicle and that his partner, Deputy Kimball started to exit the vehicle. Deputy Goodwin said that almost instantaneously with the suspect's vehicle striking the pole, the car came back at them.

Deputy Goodwin said that he looked over to see where his partner was and all he could see was Deputy Kimball's head, above the roof line and he knew that Kimball was in the door way. Deputy Goodwin said the suspect's vehicle was coming directly at Kimball and he knew that Kimball had no place to go.

Deputy Goodwin said that fearing for his partner's (Kimball) life, he fired two rounds at the suspect. The suspect's vehicle struck their radio car, pushing them backwards a foot or two. The suspect placed his vehicle into drive, pulled forward, hit the pole again, placed his vehicle into reverse and came straight back at them.

Deputy Goodwin said he looked over to see if Deputy Kimball had gotten clear and couldn't see him. He said he didn't know if he had gone down, had gotten back into the car or had run around the back. Deputy Goodwin said that he saw the suspect was backing up and now headed straight for Deputy Sanchez. Deputy Goodwin said he fired one or two rounds at the suspect. Deputy Goodwin said the suspect's vehicle went forward again and came back a third time and struck Deputy Sanchez' vehicle. The suspect vehicle then pulled forward, coming to rest at the pole.

Additional clarifying statements by Deputy Goodwin;

- Deputy Goodwin fired from outside of his radio car, next to the right front door well.
- Deputy Goodwin said he gave verbal commands for the suspect to stop, show his hands, etc.
- Deputy Goodwin said that it appeared that the suspect was trying to crouch down and that his hands were all over the place.

The involved deputies stated that they only fired their weapons when Suspect Williams was backing his vehicle toward them. The deputies believed that Suspect Williams was not trying to escape. Rather, he was trying to seriously injure or kill one of them. The deputies said that when Suspect Williams pulled forward in his vehicle, they did not shoot, as they did not feel threatened by the Suspect's actions.

All of the deputies said they were familiar with the Department Policy regarding shooting at a moving vehicle and did not believe they violated Department policy. The deputies said they were not firing at the vehicle in an attempt to somehow disable it, but were in fact shooting at the driver (Suspect Williams) to stop him from continuing his assault on them.

The deputies independently stated that "Contagious Fire," was not an issue.

Lieutenant Nick Rampone, On-duty Watch Commander Century Station

Lieutenant Rampone said he was outside of the station, by the back door, checking on patrol cars, when the "10-33" radio traffic went out. He said as entered the station, deputies were running out to get in their cars. Lieutenant Rampone said he walked to the bridge (desk area) and was told Unit 213F was in pursuit of a reckless deuce. **Refer to Exhibit A, Cold Line Traffic.**

Lieutenant Rampone said he immediately picked up the telephone cold line to SCC to make sure of what he had. He said initially, he was told by deputies on the bridge, that it was a reckless deuce on the wrong side of the road. Lieutenant Rampone said there was a lot of information being thrown at him and he needed to confirm it. He said he picked up the cold line to verify if criteria governing pursuits were being met, before allowing the pursuit to go forward.

Lieutenant Rampone said he was asking for verification and was getting it back from whoever he was talking to on the bridge at S.C.C. Lieutenant Rampone said he began to appraise the information he was receiving over the cold line, to determine if the information being supplied by Unit 213F met the criteria for pursuing a drunk driver, who was driving recklessly.

He said he was also evaluating the safety of the public, pedestrians, traffic volume, time of day, weather and road conditions, etcetera, etcetera.

Lieutenant Rampone said his understanding of Department policy is; We would pursue when the driver is driving so flagrantly recklessly, that the driver represents a clear and present danger to other users of the highway. And if we don't apprehend him, the violator would pose an imminent and a life threatening danger to the public.

Lieutenant Rampone said that based on the radio traffic he was listening to, he believed the suspect driver represented a clear and present danger to other users of the highway. When asked to articulate, Lieutenant Rampone said, "Well, at one point 213 Frank broadcast that the individual is going about thirty-five miles an hour. He's taking several stop signs, which I took to mean he's going through them without stopping and he's nearly hit several cars."

Lieutenant Rampone said he was listening for radio traffic that would indicate the pursuit policy was being violated, i.e., offensive tactics, trying to box the suspect in, passing, and the number of vehicles involved.

Lieutenant Rampone said, I could tell the deputies were excited, but they were communicating the way they were supposed to. They repeated themselves to make sure they got across. There's people responding, there's supervisor, there's a lot of things going on in the pursuit and I think they acted the way they were taught and trained and the information was coming to me. The questions I was asking S.C.C. was only because of the gap in time that it took me to get to the bridge and I just was trying to verify what was said. It wasn't that I couldn't hear it from them, I could, but I wanted to make sure that we had all the criteria before we went too deep into the pursuit. Which was eventually communicated to me."

Lieutenant Rampone said he believed the pursuit was whithin policy.

Witness Statements

The following witness' statements were taken as verbatim from the Homicide Investigation and are listed in their supplemental report on pages 46 through 55. The interview has been copied as a convenience to the reader.

On June 14, 2006 at 2330 hours, Sheriff's Homicide Investigators, Sergeant Ken Clark and Sergeant Robert Martindale, were detailed from their respective residences to [redacted] in the unincorporated part of the city of Los Angeles to assist in a deputy involved shooting. Sergeant Clark arrived on scene at 0057 hours and Sergeant Martindale arrived at 0130 hours. Investigators were briefed regarding the circumstances surrounding the shooting incident and were also escorted through the crime scene by the lead Homicide Investigators, Deputy Kevin Lowe and Deputy Dameron Peyton.

Investigators were tasked with identifying and interviewing any civilian witness to the shooting incident. Deputy District Attorney, Tal Kahana and Senior District Attorney Investigator, [redacted] accompanied Investigators as we canvassed the neighborhood for witnesses. Deputy Antonio Garcia #[redacted] accompanied investigators and acted as a Spanish translator.

At 0300 hours, Investigators interviewed **WITNESS** [redacted] MH [redacted] Cdl# [redacted] regarding the deputy involved shooting that took place outside his house. Deputy District Attorney, Tal Kahana, Senior District Attorney Investigator, [redacted] and Deputy Antonio Garcia were present during the interview. The interview was recorded in digital audio and a copy of the recording will be made a permanent part of this file. Deputy Garcia acted as a Spanish translator. The following is a synopsis of the interview.

Witness [redacted] told investigators he is the owner of the house and he and his family have lived there for 6 years. He stated he was at work when the shooting occurred and he tried to get home but when he got to his street it was blocked off by Deputies. He said he didn't see anything but he did hear a car accident and gunshots. He said he was riding his bicycle home and was at the corner of Hooper Ave, and Central Ave when he heard gunshots.

He stated he heard approximately 40 gunshots but he first thought they were firecrackers. He stated he saw patrol cars arriving on the scene but that was after the shooting. He told investigators he tried to pass through Central Ave to go to 96th Street, but was stopped and he had to use another direction. Witness [redacted] stated he used a neighbors yard to get home after asking a deputies permission at Pace Ave and 96th Street.

He said he went through back yards and climbed over fences until he reached his house. The interview was terminated.

At 0312 hours, investigator interviewed **WITNESS** [redacted] MH [redacted] regarding the deputy involved shooting that took place outside his house. Deputy District Attorney, Tal Kahana, Senior District Attorney Investigator, [redacted] and Deputy Antonio Garcia were present during the interview. The interview was recorded in digital audio and a copy of the recording will be made a permanent part of this file. The following is a synopsis of the interview.

Witness [redacted] is the [redacted] of [redacted] and he stated he was watching television in his living room when he heard a car crash. He said he wasn't sure what had occurred so he opened the inner living room front door. When he looked outside he saw that someone in a white car had crashed their car into a light pole in front of his house. He said he heard two small crashes before going to the door to check and as soon as he opened his door he saw that the white car trying to drive through his yard. He told investigators the car looked like it was trying to get away from a Sheriff's radio car. He said he could see a radio car behind the white car trying to block it from leaving.

Witness [redacted] said it looked like the white car was trying to drive through his yard to get away from the deputies but the driver couldn't make the turn and ended up crashing into a light pole. He said he remember hearing sirens arriving around the same time he heard the car crash. He said he saw the emergency lights on the radio car and he believes he saw the lights 20 seconds before he heard one of the crashes. He was looking through the security screen door, after opening the interior livingroom door. He said he was looking in that direction when the shooting started. He told investigators he did not see the shooting and he added that the green pickup truck parked in front of his house belong to his parents.

Witness [redacted] said he didn't see the deputies because the porch pillar was blocking his view. He did, however, see the white car moving forward. He said he also saw the car crash into the light pole. He told investigators he heard a total of three crashes. He described them as sounding like two small crashes then a large one. He stated he went to the door to see what was going on and that's when he saw the large crash, where the white car struck the light pole. He estimates 40 seconds had passed between the first crash and when he witnessed the large crash. He stated he was certain it was less then one minute between crashes.

Witness [redacted] said he did not hear the gunshots before hearing the car crash. He said the gunshots came after he heard the large crash and he speculated the gunshots occurred 10 to 20 seconds after the large crash sound. He said he didn't hear deputies, or anyone for that matter, say anything prior to the gunshots.
He said he heard at least 20 gunshots in total and he added that they appeared to be a lot of gunshot being fired at one time. He told investigators the shooting sounded like packs of firecrackers exploding.

When the shooting stopped Witness [redacted] stated his [redacted] tried to go outside to look for his [redacted] who was suppose to be home by that time. He told investigators he was the only one in the house that was downstairs watching television in the livingroom when everything occurred. His said his [redacted] and his [redacted] were also home and may have seen the shooting. The interview was terminated.

At 0319 hours, investigators interviewed **WITNESS** [redacted] FH/[redacted] regarding the deputy involved shooting that took place outside her house. Deputy District Attorney, Tal Kahana, Senior District Attorney Investigator, [redacted] and Deputy Antonio Garcia were present during the interview. The interview was recorded in digital audio and a copy of the recording will be made a permanent part of this file. The following is a synopsis of the interview.

Witness [redacted] told investigators she was falling asleep in her upstairs bedroom when she heard sirens, then the sound of a car crash. She got up when she heard the crash and when she looked out her bedroom window, which over looks 96th Street, she saw a white car outside and she saw deputies outside firing their guns. She said she couldn't see what or who the deputies were shooting at, but she did see the deputies run to the middle of the street, after the shooting, with their guns pointing towards the ground. She did not see the deputies shoot their weapons at this time.

Witness [redacted] said she went downstairs, but she couldn't see the entire street because her [redacted] was standing in front of her blocking her view. She said she started to try and calm her [redacted] down because she was upset and frantically looking for her [redacted] She stated her [redacted] should have been home by that time and her [redacted] feared he might have gotten caught in the car crash and shooting. She told investigators she thought she heard three small car crashes. She said they occurred right before she heard the loud car crash. She stated she went to investigate after hearing the last crash. She said she could hear sirens outside, when she heard the small car crash, and she thinks the sirens were from cars arriving on scene. She pointed toward the south and said the siren sounds seem to come from that direction.

She admitted she was still in bed when she heard the sound of the three small crashes. She added that she got up to see what was going on after hearing the large car crash. She told investigators the large crash was in front of her house, but she first thought the neighborhood "gangs were at it again." She admitted she didn't think seriously about the situation until she heard the shooting. She estimates she heard a minimum of 20 gunshots.

Witness [redacted] said she thought she heard some deputies screaming during the shooting. She stated she couldn't understand what they were saying because of the noise. She reiterated that she got up when she heard the large car crash in front of her house. She said that's when she looked out her upstairs bedroom window and saw deputies shooting their guns in the direction of her house. After the shooting she saw the deputies run to the middle of the street and their weapons were pointing towards the ground.

She was certain the deputies did not shoot their weapons when she saw them point towards the ground. When investigators asked if she saw the entire street when she looked outside, she said she didn't because she couldn't see the entire street. She stated that a tree was partially blocking her view of the street from her bedroom window. She said she could only describe what she saw.

Witness [redacted] described her bedroom as the front upstairs bedroom. She said her window faces south and looks down over 96th Street. She said she can see 96th Street from the light pole, in front of her house, up to her [redacted] green truck that was parked at the curb. A tree blocks her view to the west. She stated her window also has wrought iron bars on the outside. She admitted that her bedroom window was closed when the shooting occurred. She estimates the shooting started 7 to 10 seconds after the loud car crash. She said she couldn't remember if the deputies gave verbal commands or instructions before the shooting. She added that she's never seen the white car in her neighborhood. The interview was terminated.

At 0334 hours investigators interviewed **WITNESS** [redacted] FH[redacted] regarding the deputy involved shooting that took place outside her house.

Deputy District Attorney, Tal Kahana, Senior District Attorney Investigator, [redacted] and Deputy Antonio Garcia were present during the interview. The interview was recorded in digital audio and a copy of the recording will be made a permanent part of this file. Deputy Antonio Garcia acted as a Spanish translator. The following is a synopsis of the interview.

Witness [redacted] is the [redacted] of [redacted] and [redacted] She told investigators she was in her upstairs bedroom, watching television, when she heard police sirens, then the sound of a car crash outside. She said she started down stairs to see what was going on when she heard several gunshots. She stated by the time she reached the bottom of the stairs her [redacted] was yelling for her to get down on the floor. She said she started looking for her [redacted] after the shooting stopped, because he was late getting home and she was afraid he might have been caught in the middle of the shooting. She stated that she also yelled at her [redacted] telling her to get down on the floor because [redacted] was running down the stairs to see what was going on.

Witness [redacted] said when the shooting stopped she got up to look out her front door. She said she couldn't see much of what was going on and she admitted that her primary concern was for her [redacted]

She said she was frightened and worried because she knew her [redacted] was on his way home from work and she feared he might have been hurt. A few minutes later deputies came to her front door and told them to stay indoors. [redacted] estimates she heard more than 30 bullets being fired. She was certain she heard more than one gun being fired during the incident. She said she didn't see the shooting but she did see the white car after it had crashed. She stated she wanted to check and see if that car had crashed into her green pick-up truck that was parked in the street front of her house. She told investigators she thought she heard someone speaking before the shooting but she couldn't tell what words were being said.

She recapped her statement saying that she started down her stairs within seconds of hearing the car crash. She believes she was half way down the stairs when the shooting started. She repeated that she looked out the door at the bottom of the stairs and saw a white car. She stated she didn't see the deputies until they came to her front door. She told investigators she was initially asleep but the sound of a car crash woke her up.
She said her bedroom is upstairs in the north west corner of the house, but her window faces the alley. She said her [redacted] and [redacted] were asleep in their bedroom but the noise woke her [redacted] up and she eventually came down stairs after everything occurred. She said her [redacted] did not come down stairs during the incident. She told investigators that she went to her up stairs bathroom to get a better look because that window faces 96th Street. She said she had to stand on the toilet to look outside and that's when she saw deputies spread out all over the street.

Investigators asked if she knew what happened and she said no because she was concerned about her [redacted] well being. She said at some point after the shooting she opened her front door to go outside and look for her [redacted] but a deputy told her to get back inside her house. She said she told the deputy she was looking for her [redacted] but she ultimately followed his instructions. She told investigators she is the owner of the green pick up truck parked in front of her house. The interview was terminated.

At 0351 hours, investigators interviewed **WITNESS** [redacted] FH [redacted] regarding the deputy involved shooting that took place outside her family's house. Deputy District Attorney, Tal Kahana, Senior District Attorney Investigator, [redacted] and Deputy Antonio Garcia were present during the interview. The interview was recorded in digital audio and a copy of the recording will be made a permanent part of this file. The following is a synopsis of the interview.

Witness [redacted] said she was asleep in her upstairs bedroom when she heard several gunshots outside her house. She stated she first thought the sound was from fireworks because she saw someone shooting off fireworks right before she went to sleep. She said she didn't think about the sound, but she did get up to look out her bedroom window. That's when she saw flashing lights from the deputies firing their weapons. She also saw the emergency lights flashing on the deputies radio cars.

She said she still didn't think much about what was occurring until she heard her [redacted] yell "stay where you are." She said her [redacted] was running down the stairs to see what was going on outside. Her [redacted] was scared and was looking for her [redacted] who should have been home by now. She said her [redacted] thought her [redacted] was in the middle of the shooting.

[redacted] said she didn't hear any gunshots after everything stopped. Investigators asked if she heard the car crash. She said she only heard the one crash in front of her house. She said she heard the white car crash into the light pole and added that the shooting was right after the car crashed.

[redacted] said didn't hear talking outside because of where her window was but she thinks her [redacted] might have heard something. She said [redacted] bedroom is closer to 96th Street and it over looks the street. She stated that she didn't look out her window during the shooting but she did move close enough to see the lights from the deputies firing their guns. She estimates she heard approximately 30 gunshots being fired during the shooting.

Investigators asked if she has an opinion of what was happening when she heard the gunshots. She said she first thought it was a gang related thing. She explained that she's gotten use to hearing gunshots in her neighborhood. She said there's a lot of gang activity around her house so she didn't pay much attention to the gunshots, especially when she saw the deputies outside. She said she thought the deputies had everything under control. She said she did get worried when her [redacted] ran down the stairs.
And when her [redacted] yelled for them to stay put, she said she thought someone was trying to break in her house. [redacted] said she became more concerned when she heard her [redacted] asking questions about her [redacted] Her [redacted] concern was that her [redacted] hadn't come home. She said her [redacted] eventually calmed down.

Investigators asked [redacted] to describe the flashes she saw when she looked out her bedroom window. She said she was still asleep when she looked out her window so she wasn't sure what she saw. She described the flashes as looking similar to fireworks sparklers. She estimates she saw a minimum of 10 flashes. [redacted] told investigators she didn't remember looking out her bedroom window until her [redacted] told her she did. She said she was still asleep and didn't remember getting up. She did not hear any verbal commands from the deputies before the shooting started. The interview was terminated.

On June 14, 2006 at 0405 hours, Investigators interviewed **WITNESS** [redacted] MH [redacted] regarding the deputy involved shooting that took place outside his residence. This house is one house east of [redacted] Deputy District Attorney, Tal Kahana, Senior District Attorney Investigator, [redacted] and Deputy Antonio Garcia were present during the interview.
The interview was recorded in digital audio and a copy of the recording will be made a permanent part of this file. The following is a synopsis of the interview. Deputy Antonio Garcia acted as a Spanish translator.

Witness [redacted] told investigators he was home with his [redacted] when he heard two car crashes outside. He said he did not see the shooting but he did hear it. He stated he was sitting in his livingroom, drinking coffee with his [redacted] when he heard the crash and shooting. He estimates he heard more than 50 or 60 gunshots and stated he didn't hear anyone say anything before the shooting.

[redacted] said he heard the police sirens, then he heard a car crash. He went outside to see what was going on, but only after everything was over. When he looked down the street he saw that a white car had crashed into a light pole.

He said he saw the deputies surrounding the car, but a deputy asked him to go back inside his house. He reiterated that he and his [redacted] had been in the kitchen making coffee and had just gone back into the livingroom to watch television when they heard a car crash. That sound was followed by the deputy involved shooting. He said when the shooting started, everybody got up and ran to the back of the house until the shooting stopped. He reiterated he did not see the shooting but he did go outside to see what was going on. [redacted] said the shooting occurred right after he heard the car crash. The interview was terminated.

At 0410 hours, investigators interviewed **WITNESS** [redacted] MH [redacted] regarding the deputy involved shooting that took place outside his brother house. Deputy District Attorney, Tal Kahana, Senior District Attorney Investigator, [redacted] and Deputy Antonio Garcia were present during the interview. The interview was recorded in digital audio and a copy of the recording will be made a permanent part of this file. Deputy Antonio Garcia acted a Spanish translator. The following is a synopsis of the interview.

Witness [redacted] stated he did not see the shooting but he did hear a car crash and immediately following the crash he heard the shooting. He said he went outside after the shooting stopped, but the deputies told him to go back inside. He said he was visiting with his [redacted] when everything occurred. He estimates he heard close to 40 gunshots. The interview was terminated.

At 0417 hours, investigators interviewed **WITNESS** [redacted] MH [redacted] regarding the deputy involved shooting that took place outside his brother's house. Deputy District Attorney, Tal Kahana, Senior District Attorney Investigator, [redacted] and Deputy Antonio Garcia were present during the interview. The interview was recorded in digital audio and a copy of the recording will be made a permanent part of this file. Deputy Antonio Garcia acted as a Spanish translator. The following is a synopsis of the interview.

Witness [redacted] told investigators he was at his [redacted] house drinking coffee in the livingroom when he heard a car crash then he heard some shooting. He lives in San Bernardino and said he heard a car crash, then a few seconds later he heard a second crash. He said the second car crash was louder in sound.
He stated he thought someone had just crashed into a parked car outside, so everyone got up to go see what happened when they heard the gunshots. He estimates he heard 100 gunshots and he believes the shots came from more than one gun. He said he did not look outside after the shooting. The interview was terminated.

On June 14, 2006, at 0439 hours investigators interviewed **WITNESS** [redacted] MB [redacted] regarding the deputy involved shooting that took place outside his house. Deputy District Attorney, Tal Kahana, Senior District Attorney Investigator, [redacted] and Deputy Antonio Garcia were present during the interview. The interview was recorded in digital audio and a copy of the recording will be made a permanent part of this file. The following is a synopsis of the interview.

Witness [redacted] told investigators he was inside his house, which is across the street from the shooting scene, when he heard shooting. He stated that his [redacted] may have witnessed the shooting from his backyard. He stated it occurred sometime around 1100 or 1115 pm. He was inside his house when he heard what sounded like firecrackers outside. He said he later realized the sound was gunshots. He said he went to his back door to see what was going on and that's when he heard patrol cars driving down the alley behind his house. He he said he heard police sirens coming from the street, then he heard a loud thump. That sound was followed by a barrage of bullets being fired.

Witness [redacted] told investigators he heard the sound **"tat, tat,"** then that sound sped up drastically. He estimates he heard at least 20 to 30 rounds fired and said he heard shouting outside as the sirens arrived. He said he believes he heard the sirens then shortly after that he heard the gunfire. He added that he didn't see the shooting, but he heard the sound. He told investigators he could hear everything from his livingroom. Investigators noted the livingroom is geographically located by the [redacted] of Pace Avenue at 96th street.

Witness [redacted] said he heard everything clearly because his house is so close to the sidewalk. He said he could hear people talking as they walk down 96th Street. He said he heard speeding vehicles, then the sirens, followed by two car crashes. He recited hearing the sound of **"tat, tat,...tat, tat"** followed by a barrage of gunshots. He told investigators the barrage of bullets appeared to him to be return fire from the deputies. He said he based his opinion upon hearing initial gunshots he described.

[redacted] told investigators he thought the sound was return fire because the barrage of bullets appeared as more rapid. Then the shooting just stopped. He stated that he went to his backyard where he could get a better look from his yard. He described seeing the aftermath of a **"collision** between **a patrol car** and **the suspect's car."** He said **"the suspect's car had careened into the light pole."** He said he saw deputies circling the street while others were arriving on scene and exiting their radio cars. He said he heard a helicopter in the air and he saw some deputies tell his neighbors to go back inside their house.

Investigators asked Witness [redacted] if he heard anyone give instructions, either before or after, hearing the gunshots. He said he did hear something being shouted but he thought it was said after he heard the gunshots. He said he couldn't understand what was being said but he could tell the instructions were given by the deputies. He told investigators he heard sirens 5 to 10 seconds before the car crash. He said the sirens appeared to come from the south.

He stated he heard two crash sounds and within seconds he heard gunshots. He said " the deputies were...and, and I'm assuming that It was the deputies because there was no movement from the suspect in the car." "Uh the shots, you heard the bang, you heard the sirens, and then you heard the bang, bang, **meaning the collision, and immediately you could just hear the gunfire and at that point..., within seconds it was over."** The interview was terminated.

On June 14, 2006 at 0447 Hours investigators interviewed **WITNESS** [redacted] MB [redacted] regarding the deputy involved shooting that took place outside his house.

Deputy District Attorney, Tal Kahana, Senior District Attorney Investigator, [redacted] and Deputy Antonio Garcia were present during the interview. The interview was recorded in digital audio and a copy of the recording will be made a permanent part of this file. The following is a synopsis of the interview.

Witness [redacted] told investigators he was outside in his back yard, talking on the telephone, when he saw a Sheriffs radio car traveling at a high rate of speed. The radio car was traveling south on Central Avenue and when it reached 96th street, the radio car made a hard left turn. The car was now traveling eastbound on 96th street from Central Avenue. He said at the same time he saw a white car traveling north in the alley behind his house. That car was being followed by two Sheriffs radio cars. The white car continued through the alley and drove over the curb at 96th Street. He said he saw the Sheriffs radio car, that was following behind the white car, collided into the back of the white car. He said he heard three loud booms, after the white car drove over the curb. He thought the three booms were three separate car accidents. He thought he saw one of the sheriffs car try to stop the white car from moving.

Witness [redacted] stated he saw a sheriff's radio car travel west on 96th Street and he said the suspect's car was now surrounded. He said at one point the suspect apparently got out of the car and fired 5 or 6 rounds at the deputies. He told investigators he heard the deputies return gunfire and shoot at the suspect.

When investigators asked Witness [redacted] if he was sure the suspect fired at the deputies first he said" **there was 5 to 6 rounds before the sheriffs responded. You could hear he (suspect) got off about 5 or 6 and after that** there was retaliation **gunfire from** the **Sheriffs."** He said that by this time he had run inside the back door of his house. He stated he could count the first set of rounds fired but he couldn't count the rest because there were so many being fired. When asked if he could see where the deputies were standing when they fired their weapons, he said no, he couldn't physically see them. He said the gate blocked his view. He said **"but** listening to it **you can** put **two and** two together...and suspect that somebody first open fire, that was not the Sheriffs."

Investigators asked Witness [redacted] how did he come to that conclusion. He stated "after maybe, about less than 20 seconds of gunfire...you could hear that the first 5 to 6 rounds that were let off... and then the return fire." Witness [redacted] said he didn't see the car crash but he heard it. He said he was running and at the top of the stairs by that time. He couldn't hear if anything was being said because the shooting noise was loud. Investigators asked Witness [redacted] if he concluded the suspect fired at the deputies first, based on what he saw or was it based on what he heard.

He stated he speculated that's what occurred because he heard the initial gunshots. Then he heard a pause and then a barrage of gunfire. He added that he did not witness the actual shooting he only heard the gunshots.

Investigators asked if he heard orders being given before the shooting and he answered that he was trying to get inside his house at that time. He said he wasn't thinking about anything except getting inside as quickly as he could. He repeated his statement saying he was standing in the back yard on the telephone. He looked through the wrought iron and wood fence where he could see Central Avenue.

He saw the first radio car heading south on Central Avenue at a high rate of speed. That radio car made a hard left turn and started heading east on 96th Street. He said he turned his head, to look to his left, and he saw the white car come out the alley.

Witness [redacted] escorted investigators to the backyard to show us where he witnessed everything. Investigators listened as he pointed out where he stood as he witnessed the incident. He pointed towards Central Avenue and stated he saw the first radio car driving south. That was the car that made the hard left turn and drove east on 96th Street. He said the radio car was heading towards him and before the car reached the alley, he saw the suspect's white car exit the alley. The white car was being chased by two radio cars through the alley. Investigators noted that the suspect's car could have collided with any traffic on 96th Street. The alley is a north/south alley that empties onto 96th Street, which is an east/west street. Since the suspect's car was traveling north through the alley it would have been on a collision course with traffic on 96th Street.

Witness [redacted] admitted his back was turned to the street when the shooting started. He reiterated that he was running to get in the house and he added, it didn't take him long to get inside. He estimates it was 3 seconds from the time he heard the first boom, which he described as the suspect's car driving over the 96th Street curb. He said he thinks the suspect tried to ram the deputies car, but by the time that happened he was inside his house. He described seeing the suspect's white car drive up and onto the curb in front of [redacted] He said he was closing his door by the time the shooting started. The interview was terminated.



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Re: J.S.I.D. File No: 06-0372
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Dear Captain Peavy,

The Justice System Integrity Division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office has completed its review of the June 13, 2006, fatal shooting of Carl Williams by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputies Rafael Cardenas, David Goodwin, Tony Guerrero, Neil Kimball, Gerardo Magos and Guillermo Sanchez. We have concluded that the deputies acted lawfully in self-defense.

The following analysis is based on reports submitted to this office on January 29, 2007, by Detective Dameron Peyton of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Homicide Division. The District Attorney's Command Center was notified of this incident at 12:30 a.m., on June 14, 2006. The District Attorney Response Team, consisting of District Attorney Senior Investigator [redacted] and Deputy District Attorney Tal Kahana, was notified by the Command Center and immediately responded to the scene. They were given a briefing and a "walk-through" of the scene by investigators from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD). No compelled statements of any deputies were reviewed or considered as part of our analysis.

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FACTUAL ANALYSIS

On June 13, 2006, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputies Rafael Cardenas and Tony Guerrero were on patrol, wearing a full uniform, and driving in a marked black and white patrol vehicle.[1] Shortly after 11:00 p.m., they noticed a white Toyota being driven recklessly and at a high rate of speed. The driver and sole occupant in the car was Carl Williams. The Deputies attempted to stop the car, but Williams accelerated away from them. Cardenas notified Sheriff's Communications that they were in pursuit. After several blocks, Williams turned into an alley and began driving northbound at a high rate of speed. Deputies Neil Kimball and Tony Goodwin joined the pursuit and were behind Williams in the alley. They became the lead car in the pursuit, followed by Cardenas and Guerrero.

Hearing the pursuit broadcast on their radio, Deputies Gerardo Magos and Guillermo Sanchez positioned their patrol vehicle facing east on 96th Street, perpendicular to the alley north of Williams' location. As Williams neared the mouth of the alley, the flashing red lights of Magos and Sanchez's car became visible. Williams accelerated and deliberately veered into Magos and Sanchez's patrol vehicle. The force of the collision caused the patrol car to spin and come to rest facing northbound. Williams continued across 96th Street and crashed into a light pole across from the alley as well as the car parked next to it.

The deputies parked their vehicles in a semi-circle in back of Williams' Toyota, which was up against the light pole. Magos and Sanchez's patrol vehicle was to the left of the configuration, Cardenas and Guerrero's car was in the middle and Goodwin and Kimball's unit was to the right.

Once Williams stopped, Cardenas positioned himself in the web of his passenger side door. Kimball took the same position at the driver side door of his vehicle. The deputies saw the white reverse lights of the Toyota illuminate and heard the sound of wheels spinning and fighting for traction. Williams backed his car in the direction of the patrol units, colliding with the driver's door of Kimball's vehicle. Goodwin told investigators that it appeared that Kimball was trapped between the doorway of his patrol vehicle and Williams' car. The deputies were unsure if he had been struck by Williams' car or was injured. Kimball told investigators that he was thrown back inside his car, and was pinned in the drivers' seat of his patrol vehicle for a period of time, unable to get out and get to safety.

Sanchez had exited the passenger side of his patrol vehicle and was commanding Williams to stop. Williams drove forward, collided with the pole a second time, then reversed into the patrol cars a second time, striking Sanchez's vehicle. The collision

[1] Each of the deputies involved in this incident were in full uniform and in a marked black and white patrol vehicle.

caused Sanchez to, "dive back into his vehicle to seek cover." His fellow deputies thought he had fallen to the ground.

Williams not only continued to ignore the commands of the deputies, but also moved evasively around the inside of the Toyota, moving his body and hands out of view. Williams continued driving his vehicle forward and backwards, colliding with the patrol cars. The deputies reported to investigators that Williams backed his car into Kimball and Goodwin's patrol vehicle twice, and Magos and Sanchez's unit twice.

Fearing for their safety and the safety of the community, the deputies discharged rounds from their service weapons, striking Williams and ending the encounter.[2]

Magos and Sanchez's patrol car sustained significant collision damage to the front and right side.[3] Kimball and Goodwin's patrol vehicle sustained significant damage to the left front side.[4] Guerrero and Cardenas' unit sustained no apparent damage.

Williams was treated by paramedics and transported to Saint Francis Hospital, where he was pronounced dead by Dr. Reginald Jones, M.D. at 11:57 p.m. On June 16, 2006, Deputy Medical Examiner Pedro M. Ortiz-Colom, M.D., performed an autopsy on Williams' body and attributed the cause of death to, "multiple gunshot wounds." Of the eighteen gunshot wounds, two were fatal and five were potentially fatal.

At the hospital, Deputy Stephen Kendall recovered a clear plastic baggie containing over four grams of cocaine base from Williams and ninety dollars was recovered from his pants. A 9mm handgun was recovered from the driver seat of the car Williams was driving. The weapon was fully loaded with one live round in the chamber and six live rounds in the magazine. The gun was purchased by [redacted] of [redacted] [redacted] reported that he moved to [redacted] Investigators have been unable to locate him.

Williams was a documented Avalon Garden Crip Clan gang member with the moniker of "Lil' Devil" and "Lil' G". [redacted]

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[2] It was later determined that each deputy discharged the following number of rounds: Cardenas - 12, Goodwin - 3, Guerrero - 23, Kimball - 19, Magos - 12 and Sanchez- 6.

[3] The passenger side of the front bumper was pushed inward and upward. The headlight and turn signal assembly were broken and the headlight was missing. The grille assembly over the headlight was broken and missing. The top of the push bars were pushed backward into the motor compartment. The hood was bent inward and buckled upward and there was radiator fluid leaking from the vehicle. Both the front and rear passenger doors were dented inward and marked with significant black rubber tire transfer. There was paint transfer from Williams' car on numerous places.

[4] The driver's side front quarter panel was damaged. There was paint transfer from Williams' car on the quarter panel and the bumper. The turn signal lens and lamp were broken.

LEGAL ANALYSIS

Penal Code Section 835 states that, "Any peace officer who has reasonable cause to believe that the person to be arrested has committed a public offense may use reasonable force to effect the arrest, to prevent escape or overcome resistance."

When peril is swift and imminent and the necessity for action immediate, the law does not weigh into nice scales the conduct of the assailed and say he shall not be justified in killing because he might have resorted to other means to secure his safety. *People v. Collins* (1961) 189 Cal.App.2d 575.

The United States Supreme Court has held that in evaluating the use of force by police officers, attention must be paid to whether the suspect poses an immediate threat to the safety of the officers or others, and whether he is actively resisting arrest or attempting to evade arrest by flight. "Reasonableness" is to be judged from the perspective of a reasonable officer at the scene, rather than with the 20/20 vision of hindsight…The calculus of reasonableness must embody allowance for the fact that police officers are often forced to make split-second judgments in circumstances that are tense, uncertain and rapidly evolving, about the amount of force that is necessary in a particular situation. *Graham v. Connor* (1989) 490 U.S. 386, 396-398.

California law permits the use of deadly force in self-defense or in the defense of others if it reasonably appears that the person claiming such right actually and reasonably believed that he or others were in imminent danger of great bodily injury or death. *People v. Williams* (1975) 75 Cal.App.3d 371.

According to the law in California, the use of deadly force in self-defense or the defense of others is justifiable if the person claiming self-defense (1) reasonably believed that he, she or a third party was in imminent danger of being killed or suffering great bodily injury, and (2) that the immediate use of deadly force was necessary to defend against that danger, and (3) the person used no more force than was reasonably necessary to defend against that danger. *CALCRIM* 505.

CONCLUSION

The evidence examined in this investigation indicates that Carl Williams led police on a dangerous pursuit and turned his car into a mobile assault vehicle which posed a serious and immediate threat to the deputies. When Williams was ordered out of the vehicle, he intentionally disregarded the deputies' commands. Instead, Williams shifted his vehicle into reverse and deliberately crashed into the deputies' vehicles, endangering their lives and trapping Deputies Kimball and Sanchez. At no point did Williams give the deputies any indication that he was going to stop his vehicle, nor did he ever give any indication of surrender. Therefore, we conclude that each of the deputies reasonably believed that he was in

imminent danger of great bodily injury or death by Williams' vehicle and fired his weapon lawfully in self-defense and defense of others. We are closing our file in this matter and are taking no further action.

Very truly yours,

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